

3 to read as follows:

- (c) N. Asokan, M. Schunter and M. Waidner, *Optimistic Protocols for Fair Exchange*, Proceedings of the 4th ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security, 1997; this document describes a practical optimistic protocol for fair exchange. However, this protocol increases the trust requirements on the third party in the event of a dispute resolution being required. In particular, the third party inspects the contents of a message containing the item being exchanged while resolving disputes. In addition, the described protocol family has a synchronous time model which may not be suitable for certain applications.

Please amend the two paragraphs at page 2, lines 5 - 11 to read as follows:

--In accordance with a first aspect of the present invention there is provided a cryptographic method of enabling a consumer to obtain a document from an owner upon a payment.--

Please amend the two paragraphs at page 2, lines 26 - 31 to read as follows:

--In accordance with a third aspect of the present invention there is provided a document source for use in one of the above-described methods.

In accordance with a fourth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a document source.--

Please amend the three paragraphs at page 3, lines 10 - 21 to read as follows:

--In accordance with a fifth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a fair exchange method of enabling a consumer to obtain a document from an owner upon a payment.

In accordance with a sixth aspect of the present invention there is provided a cryptographic method of enabling a first party to obtain an item of value from a second party upon receipt by said second party of a second item of value.

In accordance with a seventh aspect of the present invention there is provided a fair exchange method of enabling a contract between a buyer and a seller of a commodity.--